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W O J Baker

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NEWS LETTER

JULY - 1940

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE  
Prairie View, Texas

C - THE FORUM -

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## A CALENDAR -

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## B AMONG OTHER THINGS -

- 1 The Buildings and Improvements for the Laboratory Practice Farms will be ready for use within the next ten days. The project will be ready for inspection soon. Professor Potts will give notice of the best time to visit these farms.
- 2 The FIRE TRUCK has arrived. Chief Williams of the State Fire Department is here for ten days for the purpose of conducting a class in Fire-Fighting and Prevention.
- 3 Plans are now being drawn for the NEW FILLING STATION. It will be located just across from the Warehouse. It will house the Fire-Fighting equipment and the men who will be stationed there permanently so that they can be available, at all times, in case of an emergency.
- 4 Professor Buchanan will be asked soon to make the Annual Report of the Prairie View Community Chest Fund. Kindly see that your quota has been paid just as soon as possible. We are anxious that a record of 100% payment will be maintained for this year.
- 5 The CREDIT UNION is serving a useful purpose at Prairie View. Dr Smith is always ready to sell shares and make loans.
- 6 Your attention is drawn to the fact that Prairie View State College is co-operating with the government in WILD LIFE RESERVE. Already 150 quails have been placed on the campus. Kindly cooperate in seeing that no one kills birds or any WILD LIFE on the college premises. Caution the children not to kill or throw at birds on the campus.
- 7 THE THIRD BOY SCOUT CAMPORAL is scheduled for July 22-27 at Prairie View State College on the PICNIC GROUNDS. From information at hand, there will be between 700 and 800 boys in attendance. The faculty members and their wives are invited to visit the Camporal as it is convenient.
- 8 Your attention is especially drawn to the point that DR VICTOR SHOFFELMEYER, the Forum Leader for Tuesday, 7:00 P M is an outstanding authority on Chemurgy. His subject will be CHEMURGIC FARMING IN THE SOUTH. A large attendance should greet him.

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lawn of the Auditorium-Gymnasium. Also, on Thursday evenings, at 7:00 o'clock in the Faculty Room, a special Forum will be held for those who are interested in Rural Community Development.

#### D THE AMERICAN TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The National American Teachers Association will hold its next Annual Session at the A and M College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, July 23-26. President Trenholm, Alabama State Teachers College, Montgomery, Alabama, is anxious that Texas make a creditable showing in membership enrollments. You would be surprised to know that there are only seven (7) colored teachers in Texas enrolled in the American Teachers Association, out of 6,000 active teachers. This is ridiculous! Professor Reeves and others have been designated to collect membership dues at Prairie View State College. Let us make a record in memberships this summer. The fee is only \$1.00.

#### E LAWN WEEK -

If you want to see something charming, just drive around the campus and observe some of our lawns. They look like pictures. In order that we all might have a fair chance, we are designating the First Week in July as LAWN WEEK. Let every one cut his lawn. I am going to cut mine - or have it done.

#### F AND FINALLY -

The constant and harassing problems of the people have definite educational implications and in consequence, should become the core of Curricula planning and activity, and classroom emphasis. The ultimate value of education is not expressed so much in literacy as in the terms of Results and Service.

Yours truly,

*W R Banks*

W R Banks  
Principal

P S - No Workers' Meeting for July



PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE  
Prairie View, Texas

OPEN FORUM SCHEDULE  
GRADUATE DIVISION  
Summer School 1940

All meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings at seven o'clock on the lawn in front of the Auditorium-Gymnasium. If weather is unfavorable, meetings will be held inside at the same time.

June 11, 1940

Dr B F Pittenger, Dean - School of Education - University of Texas  
Austin, Texas  
Subject: "INDOCTRINATION FOR DEMOCRACY"  
Chairman: Dr E M Norris

June 18, 1940

Mr F M Law, President - First National Bank - Houston, Texas  
Subject: "THE AMERICAN WAY"  
Chairman: Dr E B Evans

June 25, 1940

Dr James G Gee, Dean - Sam Houston State Teachers College - Huntsville  
Subject: "PROBLEMS IN EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL  
GUIDANCE"  
Chairman: Dr R P Perry

July 2, 1940

Dr Victor K Shoffelmeyer, Agricultural Editor - Dallas Morning News  
Dallas, Texas  
Chairman: Mr L A Potts

July 9, 1940

Dr A P Brogan, Dean - Graduate School - University of Texas - Austin, Texas  
Subject: "A PROGRAM FOR GRADUATE EDUCATION IN TEXAS"  
Chairman: Mr S E Warren

July 16, 1940

Dr T D Brooks, Dean - Graduate School - A and M College - College Station  
Subject: "THE INTEGRATION OF THE FIELD OF SCHOOL  
ADMINISTRATION"  
Chairman: Mr R L Jeffreys

July 23, 1940

Dr E E Oberholtzer, Superintendent - Public Schools of Houston, Houston, Texas  
Chairman: Miss E C May

July 30, 1940

Mr G W Cottingham, Editor - The Houston Chronicle - Houston, Texas  
Chairman: Mr J J Abernethy



PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE  
Prairie View, Texas

From: T. W. Jones  
To: Principal W. R. Banks  
Re: Student Advisory Committee

On October 13th, 285 Freshman students were assigned to the following faculty advisers:

Mr B S Luter	Mr G W Reeves	Miss Ella M Campbell
Mr G C Bell	Mr George Smith	Mrs A P Wilson
Miss Ethel Griggs	Mrs L N Raibon	Mr J M Wilson
Mr Trent Russell	Miss Mayme Powell	Miss Irene Glass
Miss Mabel Hood	Mr Harry Fuller	Mr Charles Carpenter
Miss D F Marshall	Dr J M Coruthers	Miss A L Sheffield
Mrs M A Sanders	Miss Dorothy Hawkins	Mr O J Baker

These staff members were called together for a general meeting, at which time the objectives (attached) were reviewed and working blanks distributed for the year.

A study of the year's program reveals:

- 1 That the greatest single trouble spot lies in persuading the students to report to their advisers. As usual, the students were notified -
  - (a) Directly from the office of the Chairman
  - (b) By the Advisers themselves

The best method that suggested itself to date in solving this problem is an even more careful selection of the advisers themselves.

- 2 That the Freshman time-budget sheet, used for the second time, has proved beneficial to a large number of students. This fact was determined by direct contacts made by this office. These individuals hung their budget sheets on their walls and attempted to live by them. It is anticipated that, during another year, returns from these blanks will be so complete that they may be submitted for study to such committees as may desire them.
- 3 That the program has progressed to the point where students feel slighted if, through error, they are not assigned to advisers.
- 4 That most good may be done by concentrating on those students who admit their need of advice - and who willingly come in to get it.
- 5 That the "mid-term check up", effective for the first time is most desirable. This check up consists of submitting to each adviser, as soon as possible after mid-term examinations, a complete picture of the grades of each student in his charge. Students frequently report "no problems" - and later appear



Paul Quinn College  
Beck, Texas  
June 12, 1940

on the deficiency list with E's and F's. Armed with the knowledge of the students failure, the adviser's approach becomes far more effective.

- 6 That, for the first time, advisers were provided with special blanks for contact with individual instructors to be used in cases where the adviser felt that the student in question needed special conferences. Unfortunately, little use was made of these blanks during the past year. It is to be hoped that they will come into more general use later on.
- 7 That, judging from the reaction of the students themselves, the advisory work fills a much-felt need.

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Dr. Hill, Resident Physician, is very efficient. The hospital staff is fortunate to have such a capable person.

The fine atmosphere that pervades throughout Prairie View Hospital must indeed be a direct reflection of you and your deep interest in your work.

May I wish for you and your entire staff, every success?

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ R. Yancy

(Mrs J W Yancy II)



A LETTER -

Paul Quinn College  
Waco, Texas  
June 12, 1940

Dr J. M. Franklin, Superintendent  
Prairie View Hospital  
Prairie View, Texas

My dear Dr. Franklin:

One often hears the expression: "When I was in the hospital, all the nurses were so very nice to me." This, however, is usually a statement made by persons who have spent a relatively short period within a hospital and who have had the services of only trained, experienced nurses. Yet, I can make the same statement concerning Prairie View Hospital, where in addition to high trained nurses, there are many student nurses who are being very efficiently trained.

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## WITH THE EXTENSION FORCE

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Mr J H Williams, District Agent, Southern Division, is in Tuskegee, Alabama, teaching classes in Leather Work to agents in attendance at the School for Agents conducted at Tuskegee Institute.

ANDERSON COUNTY Farmers are raising their cash income by selling home-cured meat. Sixty-six cuts of meat, or a total of 845 pounds, sold for \$225.26. Eight of the hams were shipped to California.

In May four 4-H club boys began a swine demonstration by purchasing four registered Poland China gilts. A loan of \$15.00 was made on each pig for twelve months. These loans have been paid and a profit made from their investment. Four sows farrowed 26 pigs valued at \$260, which have been sold. The sows were bred to Ring Master, a registered boar owned by R. P. Purvy, another club boy who bought at the same time the four gilts were purchased.

ANGELINA COUNTY A survey of dairy cattle among Negroes was made and it was found that 40 farmers own 66 milking cows, 71 cows, non-milking and 68 heifers, or a total of 205 cows for 40 families, averaging approximately 5 cows per family. The survey was made in three communities. Farmers expect to add 41 cows to their present herds in order to better qualify them for participation in a cheese plant that is to open soon. Farmers may secure cows on a basis of five years to pay for them at a nominal reduction in their checks each month. Milk that is delivered to the plant will be stripped of cream and the whey returned to the farmer.

HARRIS COUNTY During the month 500 fruit trees have been cared for by 8 demonstrators. Great interest is manifested in growing and developing better orchards for home use. 500 acres of melons, 50 acres of beans and other truck crops are used as demonstrations by 65 farmers. 280 farmers are cooperating in planting all kinds of horticultural crops on their farms for home and commercial use. Through the agent's influence there are 600 farms on which home garden demonstrations are conducted.

COLORADO COUNTY Mrs. Ola Dillard, Flower Hill Community, built a brooder house and purchased 200 baby chicks. From the sale of 150 cockerels which Mrs. Dillard raised, she received almost enough money to cover cost of brooder house and chicks. This month, 2,798 baby chicks were hatched off in the county, and home demonstration club women have received \$121.75 from the sale of fryers.

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